17.   (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein said external controller is operable to queue a first command while waiting for said internal controller is complete operations associated with a second command when said first command and said second command require a common library resource.

18.   (Original) A system for intermediating communication, with a tape library, utilizing partitions, wherein said tape library comprises an internal controller that is, in part, operable to control a robotics subsystem in response to received commands, said system comprising:

means for bridging communication from a communication fabric to an external controller means, wherein said means for bridging is operable to associate a plurality of logic units (LUNs) with said external controller means; and

said external controller means for processing library commands from said bridge unit, wherein said external controller means associates each partition of a plurality of partitions with a respective LUN of said plurality of LUNs, and wherein said external controller means translates received commands from said bridge unit for communication to said internal controller via according to said plurality of partitions.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein said fabric is a Fibre Channel fabric.

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Tf   20.   (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said means for bridging communication is a Fibre Channel-to-Small Computer System Interface bridge.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein said external controller means is operable to translate virtual library elements to physical library elements.